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AFIO NEWS COMMENTARY

The first quarter of 1984 was a busy one for us here, and an enjoyable one as well. As many of you know, we had the third annual National Intelligence Symposium in Naples, Florida, in late February, and Ray Wannall, David Phillips and I shared the rostrum with the well-known author John Barron. There will be more about this in the next Periscope. Before the Naples get-together, Ray visited various other places on a speaking tour sponsored by Accuracy-in-Media, Inc., and used the occasion to strike some blows for the intelligence side. We have no doubt that we accomplished something and are grateful to the many participants and supporters, with a special note of thanks to John Anson Smith in Naples.

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You will find some reflection of those events in this News Commentary. Beyond that, our mail included a remarkably heavy proportion of items on terrorism, and we tried to acknowledge this by making room for some of the more interesting examples. You will also find some excellent letters to the editor written by AFIO members, as well as a variety of other news and views. The New York Times did a good piece on Walter Pforzheimer which we would not want to withhold from those of you who don't regularly read that paper.

Two other points: First, you will recall Harris Greene's enthusiastic review in the last Periscope of a new book, Intelligence and Espionage: An Analytical Bibliography, by George C. Constantinides. Other reviewers have been similarly impressed, and Harris notes that it is worth every penny of its \$60.00 price. AFIO members, however, can now obtain the book from the publisher at a 20% discount. Write to: Westview Press, 5500 Central Avenue, Boulder, CO 80301. Second: This year's AFIO Convention will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Rockville, Maryland, on 19-20 October. More about that later - but make a note in your calendars!

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